

Application No.: 10/643,788

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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The indicated allowability of claim 2 is withdraw in view of the elements in Tsai et al. (US Pregrant Publication 2003/0201521) in view of the applications own background information. The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai et al. (US Pregrant Publication 2003/0201521), and rejects claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai et al. (US Pregrant Publication 2003/0201521) in view of Macric (US 2002/0033189) Claims 13-20 are allowed. Claims 6-8, 11, 12, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 and 7 is amended. Claim 1 is amended by deleting the limitations of the original claim 2 and incorporating the limitations of the original claim 7. Claim 2 is thus reinstated, and claim 7 is thus amended by incorporating a feature that is supported by, for example, Fig. 2H, and the specification, paragraph [0023], lines 3-6. Hence, claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application, with claims 1 and 13 being independent claims. Thus, reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

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Response to Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**1. Tsai et al.**

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Since independent claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitations of the original claim 7, which is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the amended independent claim 1 is allowable and not being unpatentable over Tsai et al. Consequently, claims 2-5 dependent upon the amended independent claim 1 are also allowable and not being unpatentable over Tsai et al. as a matter of law.

2. Tsai et al. & Macris

The Office Action rejects claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai et al. (US Pregrant Publication 2003/0201521) in view of Macric (US 2002/0033189).

Since independent claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitations of the original claim 7, which is allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the amended independent claim 1 is allowable and not being unpatentable over Tsai et al. in view of Macric. Consequently, claims 9-10 dependent upon the amended independent claim 1 are also allowable and not being unpatentable over Tsai et al. in view of Macric as a matter of law.

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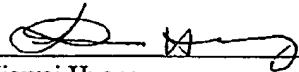
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-20 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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